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Aggie Tose was appointed Executive Officer of the Haliburton County Home Builders Association in 1994, and as HCHBA co-founder Gary Burch put it, "has been babysitting us boys ever since." Aggie has also been Office Manager of G.J. Burch Construction since 1993 and has been very active in the Provincial and Canadian Home Builders Associations.

This year the CHBA has just awarded Aggie with the David Stupart Award of Honour as the country's best Part-Time Executive Officer.

The award citation honours Aggie "for leadership, dedication and contributions leading to a higher degree of professionalism and improvement of the aims and objectives of the provincial and local associations." As Aggie puts it, "it's a pretty long-winded citation, all right, but it's really nice to be recognized for all those years of what they call part-time, and un-paid work. The HCHBA has been a really important part of the building industry here in Haliburton and I'm really proud to have been a part of it."

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The games begin with Euchre starting May 9th and end with the Golf event on June 14th. All the other events fall inbetween and are held in various locations anywhere from Haliburton, Carnarvon, Gravenhurst, Minden, Cardiff, Stanhope, Kinmount, West Guilford to Gooderham.

The cost to participate is \$8.00 for one event, \$10.00 for two events, \$12.00 for three or more events.

For general information about the Senior Games call: Robert McIvor at 705-754-9747, or Howard Irwin at 705-687-0924. Be sure to sign up soon - and let the games begin!!

HUGE Book Sale In Minden - Time To Buy Some New Reading Material

Minden Hills Museum is having a HUGE Book Sale April 21 to April 22 10am to 4 pm at the Cultural Centre Common Room at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden.

You can get some new reading material for only 50 cents/book or \$2.00 per bag of books.

Proceeds go to defray the cost of the Museum's new shelving for housing artifacts and archives. For more information please contact the Minden Hills Museum at 286-3154 or email: museum@minden.on.ca

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Card Party

Get shuffling to the Haliburton Legion on Friday, april 28th at 1 p.m. for the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Card Party featuring two popular games; euchre and bridge.

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Haliburton's Home Builders at Work for the County

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The local Association got its start back in April of 1991 when John Robinson, then a contractor with business interests both here and in Muskoka, invited 25 local contractors to a meeting. John was then a member of the Muskoka HBA and fellow builder Gary Burtch, although based in Haliburton for many years, was a member of the Toronto HBA. The purpose of the meeting was to try and find a way of becoming more competitive with contractors from outside the area. As Gary Burtch put it, "work was pretty scarce at that time and we wanted to change the perception, frankly, that local companies were not as skilled as outside trades people."

Both Gary and John were firmly behind the idea of forming a local association that would be affiliated with the provincial and national bodies: after many more meetings and consultations with the other associations, the Haliburton group was officially formed. Its first meeting took place on September 11th, 1991 and consisted of 30 members including many of the County's better known contractors and suppliers: Jim Howe, Tom Prentice, Lee Blair, Barry Boice, Don Barker, Larry

Hewitt, Rod Thurston, Kim Emmerson and John Wilson were all a part of the group. The current President is Kirk Holden, of Holden Trusses, and 1st Vice President in Nathan Petrini.

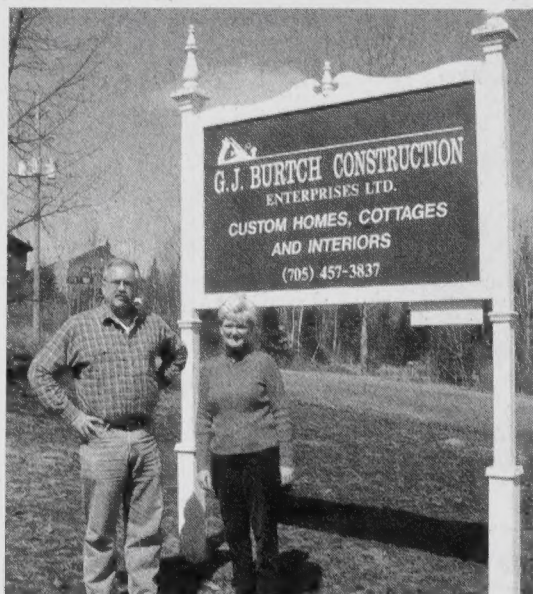
Throughout the years the Association has been instrumental in raising the professional profile of Haliburton builders, trades people, and building materials suppliers. Its mission statement is clear: "We deliver member and public confidence in the Haliburton County residential construction industry through Leadership, Expertise, and Excellence. We achieve this through consistent government liaison, education of members and housing innovation.

The Association's education program is particularly impressive. They offer professional in depth courses on first aid, for example, in concert with the LCBO and the local CIBCs which to date have trained almost 200 people. They also offer "Fall Protection"

courses for workplace safety on ladders and roofs. In the last few years almost 500 workers, apprentices and students have attended the workshops. The Ministry of Labour has identified

ladder accidents as being responsible for almost 75% of workplace accidents, for example. Fleming College in Haliburton has been an active partner with the association in this endeavour, as have many local association members. With liability insurance for builders and homeowners skyrocketing, these courses have become essential for anyone who wants to work in construction.

The Association also represents local contractors in negotiations with government to ensure that local and provincial regulations make some practical sense. When Bill 124, affecting building designs and codes went into effect last year, for example, the Association held public information meetings that were invaluable for both members and non-members in understanding what the changes



Gary Burtch & Aggie

would mean.

The HCHBA also works closely with both Fleming and Haliburton High School in developing pre-apprenticeship courses in the building trades. And it's also gives back to the community with its Annual Charity Hockey Tournament, and its Annual Christmas Challenge which help both the Haliburton 4Cs and the Minden Food Bank.

"It's been a lot of work, but also a lot of fun to work with this group over the years" says Aggie, "and to see what a difference it can make, both to our members and to the

community."

For further information on the Association's activities, and for membership information, please call Aggie Tose at 705 457-2629.



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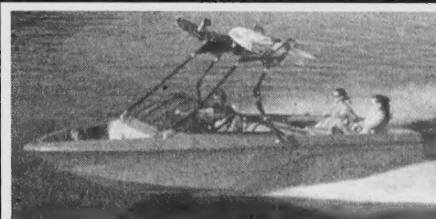
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The Ethel Curry Gallery

Ten years ago last autumn, Peter and Jody Curry were renovating part of the office building Peter owns at the corner of Maple Avenue and Highland Street in Haliburton. They were knocking down walls in order to convert what had been a suite of offices into a modest retail space for a new tenant. And, as often happens when the walls come down and the light floods in, a really interesting, even challenging space began to emerge. The Currys quickly began to see that this new space, with its generous views down Maple Avenue and over to Head Lake, had great potential as a retail space. And when their new tenant had a change of plan, Jody and Peter decided to make the space their own.

Peter Curry had long believed that the artists of Haliburton County deserved to have a private gallery devoted to their works. The Curry family had long believed in the value of the arts to the community: Peter's father Ron was an important figure in connecting Haliburton with Sir Sandford Fleming College in Peterborough (which led to the creation of the Haliburton School of the Arts) and the legendary painter Ethel Curry was Peter's beloved Aunt.



Peter & Jody Curry

Spotlight

On Business

After lengthy discussions with local artists and the wider arts community, the Currys decided to open their gallery in the spring of 2006. Artist Gary Chapman was the first to suggest the new venture be named after Ethel Curry, but the decision wasn't an easy one. Ms. Curry had never sought publicity or fame, just the opposite in fact, and her nephew Peter felt much the same. But he also had great regard and affection for his aunt and felt that it would be legitimate to honour her legacy in such a way. After all, Ethel Curry had a life-long love of her Haliburton birthplace (in a log cabin in 1902) and her paintings are a magnificent celebration of its

natural beauty. She lived an independent and cosmopolitan life, but she always returned to paint here and the Highlands were her constant inspiration. Her great friend and fellow painter, the renowned Doris McCarthy, once commented that if Ethel "were asked to paint a biblical theme it would end up looking as if it were placed in Haliburton."

So the Gallery had a name, and happily Ethel Curry herself, then well into her 90s, saw the finished result. "We think she was pleased," says Jody, "perhaps because it was Peter's idea, but also because it was for her." So in early April, 10 years ago, the Ethel Curry Gallery formally opened as a partnership between the Currys

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Ethel Curry Gallery Celebrating 10th Anniversary With Largest Exhibition Ever Held of the Works of Ethel Curry

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and the well-known Woodworker Wayne Hooks. "It's been a great partnership," says Wayne, "and a delight to be able to participate in so many aspects of the artistic life of the community."

"We started with just six artists, if you can believe it, all local," says Jody. "Soon we approached the School of the Arts and offered to show the works of their instructors. And we just grew from there. Our vision was pretty simple and straightforward: all the works we exhibit and sell must be by artists who have some Haliburton connection. They must either live here, teach here, paint here on vacation, or simply be inspired by the area."

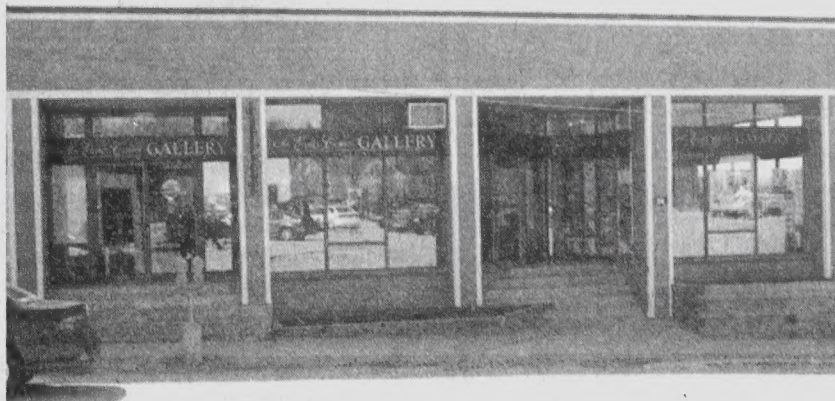
Over the years the Gallery has featured works by hundreds of different artists working in a wide variety of media. "We're always looking for something new and different," says Wayne "either from new artists or new works from people we've been associated with for years."

"Sometimes we just look around and try to see 'what don't we have here?' and then we'll try and fill the gap," says Jody. And with what amounts to a small explosion of artistic talent taking place in the community, those gaps get filled pretty quickly.

The Ethel Curry Gallery exhibits works from the widest possible range of media. You can find iron sculpture, fabric paintings, oils, watercolours and acrylics, textiles, wood sculptures and fine wood carvings and woodwork, pottery, photography, jewellery, marquetry, glass, even soapstone sculpture.

As a celebration of the 10th anniversary the Gallery will be mounting what promises to be the largest exhibition ever held of the works of Ethel Curry from June 1st to June 18th. This will without doubt be one of the County's major artistic events of the year and will attract serious collectors from all over Canada. There will be an auction of donated works on Friday, June 16th at 7 pm. Already three pieces have been donated: all proceeds will go to the Health Services Foundation.

The Ethel Curry Gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10 am until 5:30 pm, and on Sunday from 12 pm until 4 pm. You can reach the Gallery at 705 457-9687.



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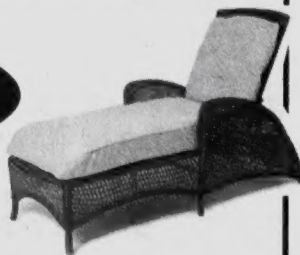
Trilane A. Ludwig, 24, of Vancouver, Wash., was arrested after a traffic stop. He called his mother to come bail him out, asking her to get the needed cash from his wallet. When his mom, Angela R. Beckham, 44, arrived at the jail, she paid the bail with a \$500 bill from Ludwig's wallet. The jail clerk immediately noticed that the bill was not only a "bad copy", it wasn't even the right size. Several other fake bills were found in the wallet. Ludwig is being held pending more charges, and his mother says she doesn't plan to use any of her own, presumably real, money to pay Ludwig's undoubtedly now-higher bail.

Several days after getting out of jail, where he had served time for drunk driving and other charges, Ronald A. Mahner stopped at the Seminole County (Fla.) Sheriff's Office to pick up his personal belongings. He provided his driver's license as identification. A clerk checked him in the computer and found the license had been revoked for life. She sent a co-worker to get the license number on the car he was driving. The car, which Mahner had parked in a fire lane, was reported stolen the day Mahner got out of jail. He was arrested as he tried to get back in the car.

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Razzamataz Kids' Shows presents their last show of the season, "Fizzical Fizzicks" on Sunday April 23 at 2 p.m. at YMCA Camp Wanakita. This dynamic SCIENCE CIRCUS show is not to be missed! Fizzical Fizzicks'

show about motion is so fast-paced and full of circus tricks and stunts that parents are always a little surprised that the kids have learned so much when it's over. "Our background is as circus performers," says Kristi Heath, one half of Fizzical Fizzicks. "A couple of years ago the Ontario Science Centre invited us (Kristi Heath and partner Greg Tarlin) to create a show to work in conjunction with their circus exhibit. The result was Fizzical Fizzicks."

Audiences will delight in the performance of traditional circus props (juggling, stilt-walking, rola bola and unicycling) along with the skills displayed with common toys (yo-yo, hula hoop, pogo stick, ball). There are some BIG surprises along the way when super-sized props are put in motion (a child's

swimming pool and a giant inflatable ball). As well, teams from the audience take part in hilarious short challenges. All of these routines and challenges help to demonstrate and explain the three types of motion (linear motion, rotation and vibration).

As a finale, Greg and Kristi perform their "Big Circus Trick" atop stilts and tall unicycle. The routine is a culmination of the three types of motion and reinforces the science while amazing with the circus.

Greg Tarlin was Canadian juggling champion at the age of 20 and has performed internationally as well as across Canada. Kristi Heath has performed with the Second City comedy revue company, studied street performance theatre in Denmark, and developed her own unique style of physical comedy. Fizzical Fizzicks is one of the many shows on which Greg and Kristi have collaborated.

The open spaces of the YMCA Camp Wanakita dining hall will be the perfect place to be amazed and entertained by these international calibre professionals. The friendly Wanakita staff will welcome us to the camp and provide refreshments after the show. Wanakita can be found at the end of the Koshlong Lake Road off County Road 1 between Haliburton and Minden.

A big thank you to the Haliburton and District Lions Club and Curry Motors as well as to YMCA Wanakita for sponsoring this show. Razzamataz could not present such high quality children's entertainment at such low ticket prices without the support of generous local businesses and individuals. Please support our sponsors, and perhaps even thank them for their support. (Soon we will be seeking sponsors for next season. If you are interested in enriching the lives of local children through supporting the arts, please contact Stacey or Amy at the phone numbers below.)

It's the end of one season, and time to get ready for the next. Razzamataz organizers have been working hard for the last couple of months to put together another great season for next year. Buy your season passes now and save up to \$17 per person! An Early Bird season pass for 4 shows

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costs only \$15 until May 31, or \$20 next fall. Individual ticket prices are \$6 for children (over 2) and \$8 for adults. Most of our season pass holders take advantage of the savings and convenience of buying the pass at this show. Children under two are always free.

This is our "Bring A Friend" performance. Season pass holders will receive a free ticket to "Fizzical Fizzicks" to help them introduce someone else to the friendly fun of Razzamataz shows, and perhaps inspire them to purchase their own Early Bird passes at the show.

Here is the line-up for next season at a glance:

November 26/06 - "Raven Stole the Sun" - Red Sky Performance
February 4/07 - "The Wizard of Oz" - Erewhon Theatre
March 4/07 - "The Next Generation of Children's Music" - Splash 'n Boots
April 22/07 - "Little Big Frog" - Faustwork Mask Theatre



The Puppetmongers present "Walidat the Grasscutter"

Between Razzamataz seasons, mark your calendar now for another upcoming family event, sponsored by the Rails End Gallery. The Puppetmongers will present "Walidat the Grasscutter" at the Northern Lights Theatre on Saturday May 27 at 3 p.m. Their story uses rod marionette puppets to interweave an Arabian Night's-like narrative with the modern/ancient fabric of contemporary Iranian culture. After enjoying the bicycle festival in Haliburton that Saturday, plan to rest your legs and entrance your imagination at the theatre. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$9 for children, with a family rate of \$40 for two adults and two children. This show is suitable for ages 6 and up. It earned a Citation of Excellence in the Art of Puppetry from the Union International de la Marionette, so don't miss it even if you don't have children to bring! Why is the Rails End Gallery bringing puppetry masters to Haliburton? The Gallery is involved with the Patria production of "The Palace of the Cinnabar

Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre



Forest" at the Haliburton Forest at the end of the summer. This production of R. Murray Schafer's music/drama is set in the T'ang dynasty of China, from which the mythical bird the Cinnabar Phoenix has vanished together with the emperor's palace to be replaced by a Lake of Dragons. The work takes place at sunset and after dark on a summer evening and is performed on and around a large pond with lifsize puppets designed and produced by the Puppetmongers. The May performance of "Walidat" will introduce local audiences to their magic.

For questions about the Puppetmongers' May performance of "Walidat" or the Patria production of "The Palace of the Cinnabar Phoenix" in August, contact Daniela Pagliaro at the Rails End Gallery at 457-2330. For more information about "Fizzical Fizzicks" or any questions about Razzamataz Kids' Shows! please call Stacey Bennett at 286-4511 or Amy Klose at 457-4266.

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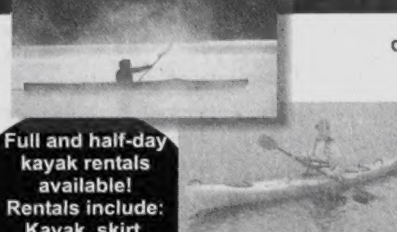
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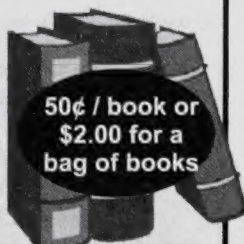


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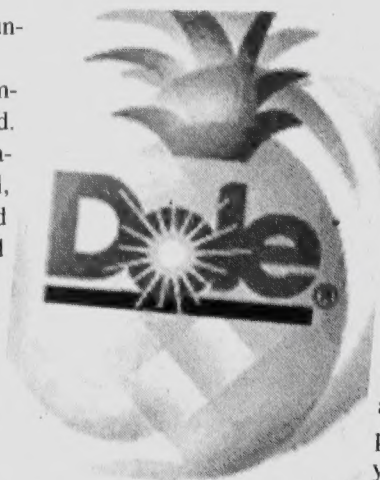
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waii, where his cousin Sanford was governor. His unlikely scheme was to harvest pineapples.

Pineapples are not native to Hawaii. They were imported from South America in 1813 and they thrived. In the days before commercial aviation and refrigeration, however, perishable pineapples would, well, perish, before they reached the contiguous United States. Dole's plan was to can the fruit in Hawaii and ship it back home.

In 1900, he bought 61 acres of farmland at auction for \$4,000. A year later he incorporated the Hawaiian Pineapple Company, built a cannery in 1903, and produced 1,893 cases of canned pineapple in the first year.

In 1907, he built a larger cannery in Honolulu, which was closer to the port and the can factory. Unfortunately, economic hard times in the states reduced the demand for what



paign advertising not one brand but Hawaiian pineapples in general, something that was not common practice at the time. Pineapple demand skyrocketed.

A major breakthrough occurred in 1913 when Dole engineer Henry Ginaca invented a machine that could peel and core 35 pineapples per minute. Until then, each pineapple had to be cored by hand. Dole developed the pineapple business into Hawaii's second largest industry.

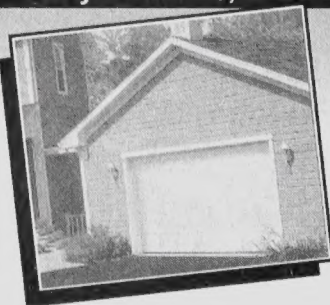
The first product to bear the Dole trademark was not the canned pineapple but canned pineapple juice, which was sold during the Great Depression. Dole retired in 1948 and died in 1958, the year that Hawaii became the 50th state.

Tasty Maple Syrup and Pancakes Await Those Who Attend Wilberforce Maple Syrup Festival

If all you can eat pancakes sounds inviting, then be sure to attend the upcoming Maple Syrup Festival being held Saturday April 15, from 9 to 2 at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce.

All you can eat Pancakes is just the beginning of what this event has to offer. There is also a Flea Market and Craft Sale and children's activities including a colouring contest draw at 1:30 pm. There is also a GeoCache event for all you fans of GPS systems and games - you won't want to miss this one.

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Last fall Mary Barker of Wilberforce (and Agnew's General Store) attended a course on Global Positioning at Haliburton's Fleming College to learn more about how the high-tech locating gizmos work. At the end of the workshop she heard someone mention a website, www.geocaching.com, which could lead anyone in the world to permanent geocaching sites.

To go back a bit, geocaching is a game invented just six years ago in Portland Oregon. The GPS technology allows anyone with a suitable GPS device to find a specific point on the map with total, pinpoint accuracy. Geogamers began to establish caches, sometimes in remote territory, sometimes in urban settings. Fellow geogamers would try and find the spot, and note their findings in a log.

Soon after the game's website was established and since then it's become a worldwide phenomenon with caches in over 100 countries worldwide. When you log on to the geocaching site, open an "account" (which is free, and private) you can simply type in your postal code, or co-ordinates, and you can instantly see if there are any caches nearby.

So when Mary Agnew got home that night from the workshop, she logged on, opened an account, and dutifully typed in her Wilberforce postal code. Seconds later she was astonished to find over 800 caches listed in her area alone, including one just over the hill past the store!

Mary decided this could be a lot of fun and could lead to some useful promotion for the area. Each new cache must be approved by geocaching.com and is subject to some very specific rules: but special, one-time events are also offered, and Mary's organized a terrific one for this coming weekend.

First, you need to organize a team (minimum two persons) and give your team a name. Next, you need to make sure your GPS receiver is in good order, dress appropriately, and turn up at 9 am at the Lloyd Watson Centre in Wilberforce for an all-you-can-eat

Pancake Breakfast (\$5.00 each). Then you'll register, and Mary and her helpers will give you information on each cache and provide a big map to help you plan your day's strategy. There will be six caches in total spread

throughout the maple sugar bushes of Wilberforce and Greater Surroundings (The WGS, Mary calls it). All participants must make it to the Elephant Lake Lodge by 6 pm, whether or not you made it to all six caches. Points will be awarded to each team for their performance, and the Sugar Shack Shuffle winner will receive, you guessed it, a maple syrup prize!

For further information on this unique event, go to www.geocaching.com, and on the main page click on "hide and seek a cache" (upper left). At the next page scroll down to "by waypoint" and type in GCTT2N. That will take you to the Sugar Shack Shuffle details. For further information please call Mary Barker at 705 448-2211.

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Haliburton Curling Club : Expanding for the Future

*Don't Forget About Visit By Brad Gushue * Fundraising Dinner on April 29th*

ing Club, seems to have a perpetual twinkle in his eye. It could be just because he hails from Newfoundland – where you're taught from birth to laugh at life's vagaries. Or it could be because a few weeks ago he picked up the phones, massaged various friends and relatives back home and landed an exclusive visit to Haliburton from fellow native son Brad Gushue. For those who've been on Pluto for the last three months, Brad Gushue is as close to a God as any curler is likely to be in this country for at least another four years.

Gushue, who still looks like he might just be starting college, wowed the curling world in Torino with a tough and emotional performance and brought home the first Olympic Gold for Canada's men. And he's going to be here, for a fundraising dinner at the Bonnie View Inn on April 29th. Tickets are, predictably, in extremely short supply.

The fundraiser is part of a year-long Capitol Campaign to finance an ambitious expansion of the Curling Club. The plans are to

Chester Howse, the President of the Haliburton Curl-

expand the current lounge/dining room/bar by some 4000 square feet, and the locker and change rooms below by the same amount.



Curling has long been a staple of winter life in Haliburton and is enjoying a significant surge in popularity, notably among the young. The Club has some 300 members, an impressive total. "The current facilities really limit us when we're hosting bonspiels, for instance," says Chester, "and they severely limit our ability to expand in any way." The renovations will provide not only more space, but will include a new kitchen, expanded bar, full wheelchair access, air conditioning, and another member's lounge downstairs.

The Club has seen many improvements over the past decade alone, including a new icemaker in 1997 and a much-improved ceiling five years ago funded by the Trillium Foundation. That renovation alone has saved the Club 25% of its winter heating bills. But it's all a far cry from the early days, when Haliburton's curlers used the ice rink next door as a venue. The Club formally began in 1942, with H.B. Feir as president. The logs for the first Club building were sawn and delivered through local volunteers and it was many years before artificial ice was installed.

The list of Club Presidents reads like a Haliburton history of the last 60 years: Arthur Gilliam (who had been instrumental in the Club's founding), Ron Curry, Carl Hussey, Harold Black, Lou Consy, Ron Barr, David Bishop, Ken Wilson, Don Popple and



so on. Chester Howse, in his seventh year as President, might be approaching a record, with Jim Bradley, who took the reigns for much of the 1990s, in a close second.

"It's a wonderful part of this community," says Chester, "and I'm proud to be able to be a part of it. I'm retired now anyway, and I have to do something to stay out of trouble." The Howses were cottagers on Percy Lake for many years and retired here in the 1990s.

To welcome Brad Gushue to Haliburton the Curling Club is staging an Open House for the community. The public is welcome to come to the Club to meet and chat with Gushue, and get his autograph. Admission is free, but a donation to the expansion fund would be appreciated. The Open House takes place on Saturday, April 29th from 2 pm until 4 pm.

The Club is also offering raffle tickets with a great grand prize of

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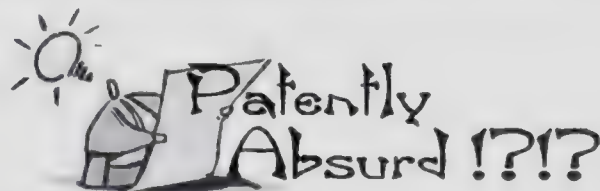
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Tickets for the dinner with Brad Gushue are available from Bob Johnston at Curry Motors: phone 457-2100. Further information about any of the fund raising activities can be had by calling the Club at 457-2830 and leaving a message for the fund raising chairman, Bob MacNaull, or for Chester Howse.

The Club's expansion is slated to start this spring and be finished by September. The goal is \$400,000, and over \$160,000 has been raised to date.

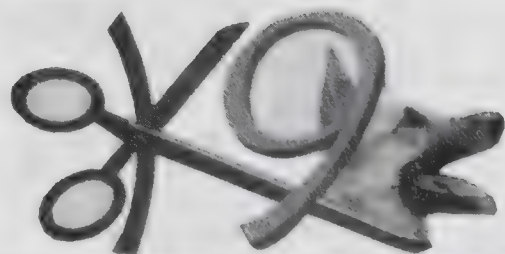


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The Old Poodle

Submitted by April Lauricella

A wealthy old lady decides to go on a photo safari in Africa, taking her faithful aged poodle named Cuddles, along for the company. One day the poodle starts chasing butterflies and before long, Cuddles discovers that she's lost. Wandering about, she notices a leopard heading rapidly in her direction with the intention of having lunch. The old poodle thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep you know what now!"

Noticing some bones on the ground close by, she immediately settles down to chew on the bones with her back to the approaching cat. Just as the leopard is about to leap, the old poodle exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious leopard! I wonder if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the young leopard halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!", says the leopard, "That was close! That old poodle nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a monkey who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the leopard. So off he goes, but the old poodle sees him heading after the leopard with great speed, and figures that something must be up. The monkey soon catches up with the leopard, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the leopard. The young leopard is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, monkey, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old poodle sees the leopard coming with the monkey on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?", but instead of running, the dog sits down with her back to her attackers, pretending she hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old poodle says: "Where's that damn monkey? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another leopard!"

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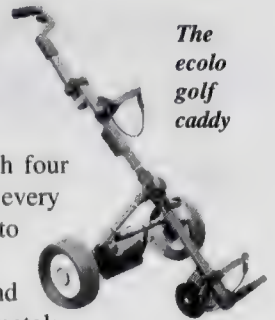
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In Haliburton County private transportation is a basic necessity for almost everyone. To get to work, earn a living, shop for food, take the kids to dance or hockey, you simply have to have one of

those wonderful hunks of metal with four wheels, an engine, and a gas tank. And every few days comes that depressing visit to the gas bar, ka-ching, ka-ching.

There are, however, some exciting and unique alternatives to the hulk of metal: smaller hulks, powered by battery/gas combinations are coming on the market. Car-pooling is becoming more popular, and cycling is experiencing a resurgence right across the continent, and not just for fitness reasons. And now comes another really attractive alternative: the power-assisted bicycle.

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Steve Sike immigrated to Canada from his native Hungary with his brother as a young man during the 1956 Hungarian revolution and quickly fell in love



with Canada's cottage country. "To us this area was like a kind of paradise: after a number of years of hard work, my wife Carmen and I managed to buy a cottage near Lutterworth. And six years ago we moved here permanently." Carmen Sike came to Canada from the Philippines, and shares his love of the area, the beauty of the landscape, and "how welcoming this community is to newcomers."

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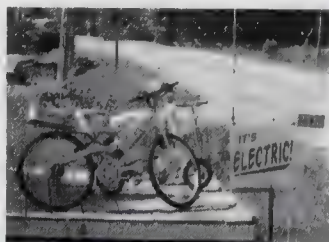
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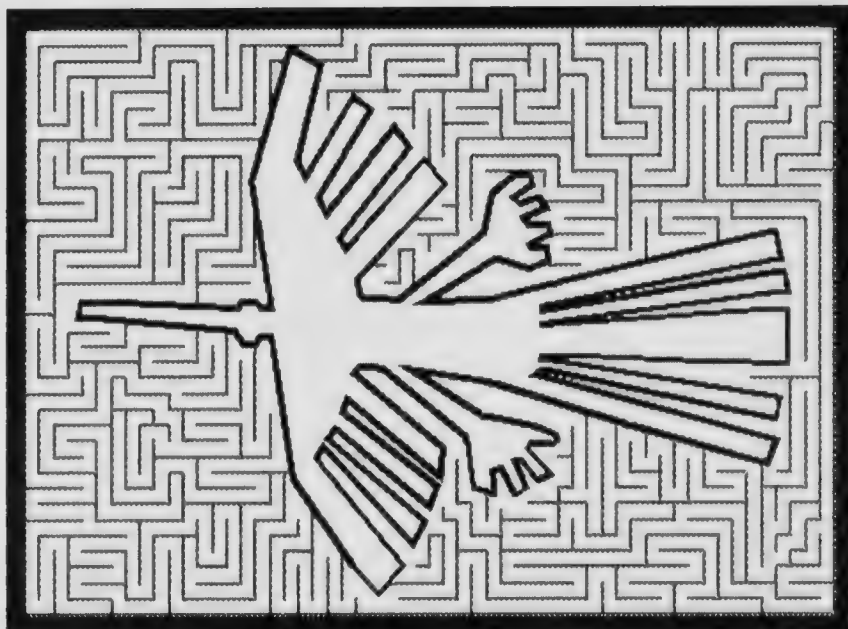
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Little Johnny sat with his twin sisters Laura and Leigha proudly displaying how he could identify fingerprints on his glass with his new fingerprint kit he got for his birthday. His grandmother was mopping the floor in the kitchen and had just baked an apple pie before bedtime. All the kids were drooling at the smell of the fresh baked pie.

"Can't we have a piece now Grandma?" pleaded Johnny.

"Now, now Johnny, we're going to bed. We'll wait until we wake up in the morning. Then your grandfather will be awake and we'll all have a piece together."

"But Grandpa always sleeps in late!" shouted Leigha.

"Yeah, we can't wait till morning," whined Laura.

"We will all wait until morning," said Grandma in a tone indicating that the conversation was about to end. "Now it's time for bed children. Watch the floor now. It's still wet."

Johnny put away his fingerprint kit and they all toddled off to bed.

Johnny was the first to arise in the morning. He came into the kitchen and sat alone at the kitchen table. He glanced at the pie on the stove and to his complete horror, noticed that a piece of pie was missing.

"Grandma! Someone got up in the night and ate a piece of the pie! It wasn't me! It had to be Laura or Leigha!"

Everyone came into the kitchen. "Who snuck the piece of pie," asked Grandma.

"Wasn't me," said Laura,

"Me neither," agreed Leigha.

"I'll find out who did it. I'll get my fingerprint kit," said Johnny.

"Don't you think a smart thief would wear gloves or something since they would know you have a fingerprint kit?" said Leigha.

"Yeah, I suppose neither of you would have left your fingerprints after my demonstration last night, but I do think one of you two came down and had a piece of the pie last night. And I can prove who did it really easily so why doesn't one of you just fess up now?" Johnny said.

How can Johnny prove who ate the pie?

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"There all sorts of artists in the County who are busily working away in their studios but we seldom get an opportunity to visit each others studios and see how they work. I am interested in organizing a studio hop for one Sunday a month," says Jennifer.

Her idea is to meet at the Rails End Gallery or Agnes Jamieson Gallery and then travel to see 2-4 studios. "We could take turns visiting studios at all ends of the Highlands," she adds.

If anyone is interested in doing a studio hop, or has studio the group could hop to, please contact Jennifer Wanless-Craig at Artech Studios 448-9522 or artechstudios@bellnet.ca

Gentlemen... Let Your Voices Be Heard

The Highlands Male Chorus resumed rehearsals on April 4 and extend an open invitation for new members this choir season. This busy group will begin to expand their repertoire for next year's concert as well as performances in the Christmas season. For further information call David Mills at 705-754-2999.

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For many years Paulette and Mike Blake earned a well-deserved reputation in Haliburton County as retailers and business people with great imagination, flair, and honest service. But as of a few months ago, the Blakes have finally retired – at least from their last two well-known businesses — Out of Time antiques and Blake Storage. The good news is that the companies have been bought by another couple with equal dashes of verve, good taste and business savvy.

Eric and Suzanne Milburn are now the proud owners of Blake Storage and what's now named Cottage Country Interiors. Suzanne has been a professional interior decorator for many years and is the owner of a high quality drapery fabrication and consulting business, Heritage Custom Draperies and Decor, which operates out of the Milburn's home near Baysville. "I do all custom work – mainly for professional designers, but also for individual home owners. Over the last 17 years we've developed a reputation for high quality

work – we only have three employees – and we certainly plan on keeping that reputation."



Eric & Suzanne Milburn

For Eric Milburn, buying the businesses means, among other things, coming home. Eric grew up on his family's farm on Milburn Road in Gelert: "I think we've traced our lineage back to the 1850s. My family were among the first settlers in the County, and the farmhouse was built in 1861. It's a real privilege that it's still in our family." Eric learned a lot of country tasks as a young boy, including how to use a chain saw "when I was about 11, I think," and after college became a contractor and forester, both with Hydro One and with his own forest management company based in Bracebridge. "It's terrific to be back in the community and see so many old friends, although we'll have to com-

mute for a little while yet. We've only just opened, but already the welcome has been wonderful. We're really grateful."

Cottage Country Interiors features first-class reproduction and custom made furniture at very impressive prices. They have beautiful harvest tables, chairs, buffets and hutches. They also sell wicker furniture, beds, and many gift items. And of course, they offer a full range of original drapes and fabrics.



Suzanne will of course be offering her own interior decorating services to homeowners and designers. "We know that in our business, quality, taste, and service is all you've really got: we can't compete with K-Mart or Zellers for price, and we don't want to. We know that our customers will pay for really good things at reasonable prices. But they're certainly not going to pay for shoddy work or materials."

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The Milburns are also full of praise for the generous way in which the Blakes have helped them take over the businesses. "They couldn't have been more gracious or more generous," says Suzanne.

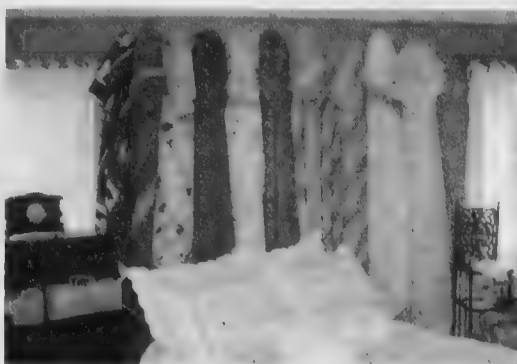


"Paulette is an amazing person – its no wonder she's been such a successful retailer and businesswoman."

Suzanne and Eric's business has its own very particular focus and vision – and indeed offers a combination of products and ser-

vices that is new to the County. The ever-expanding storage side of the business will continue more or less as before, although Eric is looking at the possibility of adding some climate-controlled storage in the future.

Cottage Country Interiors and Blake Storage is located on Highway 118 just west of the Harburn Road and until July 1st will be open from 10 am until 5 pm Thursdays, Fridays and Satur-



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Other courses in May:

May 1 – 5th - Weeklong art courses in Acrylics, Oil Painting, Pen & Ink Pencil & Paint, Watercolour Painting Advanced, and an Open Studio in Watercolour with Jack Reid.

May 7 – 11th - Weeklong courses in Acrylics - Abstraction, Photography - Travel & Landscape, Pottery - Throwing Camp for Intermediate & Advanced, Sketching, Soft Pastels, Watercolour Painting - Introduction, and an Open Studio in Watermedia with Brian Atyeo. Courses are accepted as credits toward Fleming College's Visual and Creative Arts Diploma.

May 8 – 12 - Weeklong courses in Acrylics - Toward Abstraction, Computers in the Arts, Multi-Media Landscape Painting, Paper Arts & Lettering, Quilting - Spontaneous Geometrics, Watercolour Painting - Introduction, and an Open Studio in Watermedia with Brian Atyeo.

Registration: If you are interested, or for more information contact: Registration 457-1680 Fax: 705-457-2255 or visit the website at www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca where you can see this and many of the other courses being offer this year.

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The Haliburton County Public Library just received a new shipment of books relating to Nature! All of the new guides are user-friendly with beautiful pictures. Titles include Mammals of Ontario, Trees of Ontario, Mushrooms of Ontario, Ontario Birds, Ontario Wildflowers, and Tree and Shrub Gardening for Ontario. If the long winter left you happy to see even weeds poking through the snow, perhaps Weeds of Canada would be your choice. These are all great additions to the Library's outstanding collection of Nature Books that help make the natural world more enjoyable, whether it's in a nearby forest or in your own backyard! Enjoying Life @ your Library!



bad predictions

Carolyn Roberts, editor of "Aquatic Sciences and Fisheries Abstracts" quoted a neurologist named "Dr. Lilly" in an article called "Living Sea" in the 1978 book Science Fact. "Within the next decade or two," Dr. Lilly said, "the human species will establish communication with another species: non-human, alien, possibly extra-terrestrial, more probably marine."

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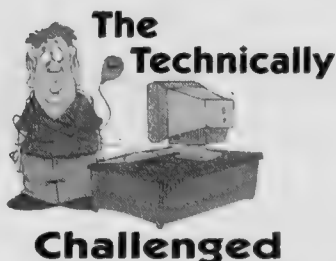
The next meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place on Wednesday, April 12 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre (please enter by the back door). The speaker will be Ray Miller, author of "Coal Oil Lights to Satellites".

Ray was born in a house on a dirt (not gravel) road between Minden and Kinmount. His book covers events that actually took place, based entirely on memory, verified by entries in his mother's and father's and his own diaries. Times were tough but the family got by and there was always a trace of humour to cheer them on. It should be an entertaining evening!

Doors open at 6pm and Ray will speak at 7pm. Everyone welcome - no charge. Refreshments available. For more information, contact Gail Leach-Wunker 286-2225

Wanna Know More About Frogs & Salamanders?

Interested in learning more about Frogs and Salamanders? Then join the members of the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists' on Tuesday April 25 at the Haliburton Museum at 7:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.



A customer called Compaq tech support to say her brand new computer wouldn't work. She said she unpacked the unit, plugged it in and sat there for 20 minutes waiting for something to happen. When asked what happened when she pressed the power switch, she asked, "What power switch?"

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The session will be at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, in the common room on Tuesday, April 18 from 1 - 3 p.m. Admission will be \$10. Please contact Reg Holloway at 286-3923 or regandannaholloway@sympatico.ca. Please indicate if you need help with a Mac rather than with Windows.

Trudy would really appreciate it if you e-mail her your questions in advance of the workshop at info@hhwen.org. She can then come prepared with handouts to address your questions.

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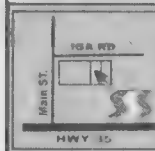
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Lange On The Law



by **Donald J. Lange**
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Officially Induced Error

Consider this scenario. A retailer in the big city is in the risky business of selling videos which are close to the line. He is careful to sell only videos which have been approved by the Ontario Film Review Board. In fact, he regularly seeks and pays for the film review board approval of particular videos before putting them in his store for sale. The police raid his premises and he is charged under the Criminal Code for illegally selling the approved videos.

The retailer defends the charge relying upon the board approval of the videos. He is acquitted on the basis of an officially induced error. In this case, the court made three findings. It held that the Ontario Film Review Board is charged with determining which films may be shown in Ontario, that the general public understands that the board is the body which approves films for play in Ontario, and that the board is the logical choice to look to for anyone seeking advice about whether a film can be legally sold in Ontario.

For the defence to apply, several elements must be proved. The officially induced error must be an error of law. The accused must consider the legal consequences of his actions and seek legal advice. The advice must come from an appropriate official and need not be in writing. The official must be one whom a reasonable person would consider responsible for advice about the particular law in question. Finally, the accused must demonstrate reliance on the erroneous official advice.

The advice of officials of any level of government, federal, provincial, or municipal, may induce an error of law and trigger this defence provided that particular government body is responsible for the law in question. So, if you are thinking of making some changes to your shoreline, and you talk to an official from the Ministry of Natural Resources, and he says: "Go ahead. You don't need a work permit," keep good notes of the conversation. You never know when your lawyer will need them.

In the next column, I will be talking about default judgments.

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The new CEO walked up to the guy leaning against the wall asked, "How much money do you make a week?"

A little surprised, the young fellow looked at him and replied, "I make \$300.00 a week. Why?"

The CEO then handed the guy \$1,200 in cash and screamed, "Here's four weeks' pay, now GET! OUT and don't come back."

Feeling pretty good about himself, the CEO looked around the room and asked, "Does anyone want to tell me what that goof-off did here?"

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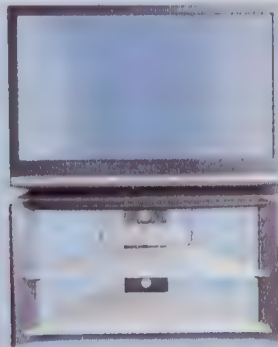
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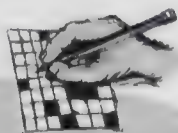
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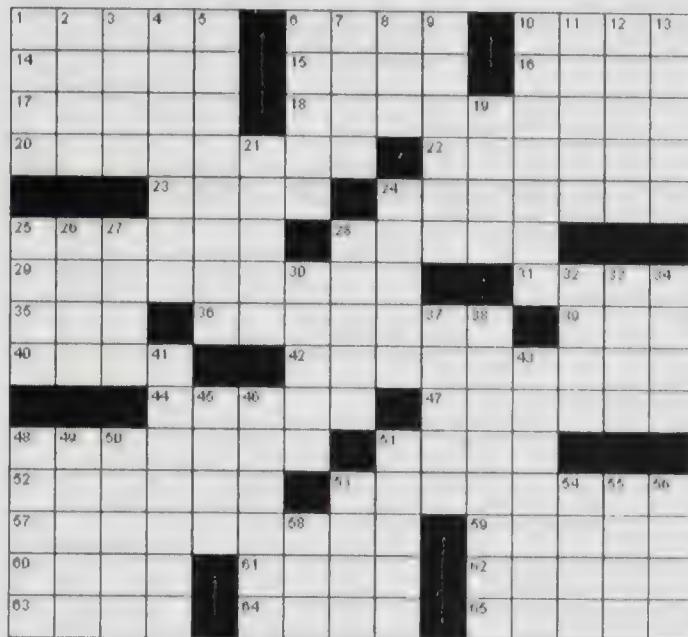
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WHAT'S IT WORTH TO YOU? Derek Keenan, 44, pulled into the parking lot of a farm supply store in Lethbridge, Alta., Canada. As he stepped out of his car his baseball cap caught the wind and flew off his head, and went under a truck loaded with concrete pipes. "The truck was rolling forward and he dove under to grab the hat," a witness said. He didn't make it out the other side: the truck rolled over him. "It was just unbelievable that someone would go under a moving semi for a hat."

'You Can't See Me' - An Exhibit of the Work of Kirsten Johnson

Be sure to make your way to the Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre in Haliburton, April 15th - May 9th to view "You Can't See Me", an exhibit of the work of Kirsten Johnson - A tactile art exhibit. The Opening Reception is being held April 15th 1-3pm, where the artist will be in attendance.

"3 Graces" - Exhibit by Catherine Reynolds, Charlotte Price, and Anne Langton

Don't forget about the exciting exhibit at the Agnes Jamison Gallery in Minden from April 12 to May 27 - "3 Graces" - Exhibit by Catherine Reynolds, Charlotte Price and Anne Langton.

Touring from the Varley Art Gallery in Markham, this exhibition tells the story of three Victorian women, their lives, their art and their passions. The works of Catherine Reynolds, Charlotte Price, and Ann Langton confirm that their 19th-century world was quite different from our own. The works also illuminate everything we don't know about these women, and just how much will remain unsaid about their artistic activities and their lives. But if we can let these works converse with each other - and with us - we might be illuminated in other ways as well. As we travel through landscapes real and imagined, we are fortunate to have Reynolds, Price, and Langton as our knowledgeable guides.

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Announcing A New Exhibition Space For Artists In Haliburton County

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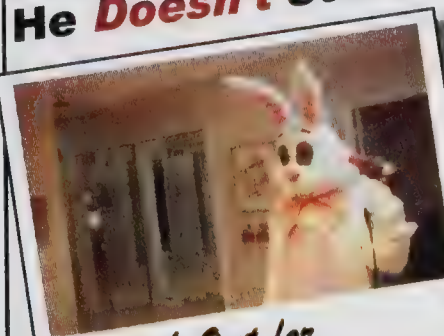
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Melissa Stephens: Teacher, Musician, Inspiration...

Melissa Stephens is a whirlwind of energy, ideas, talent, and commitment who seems to live in a world of perpetual motion, where the idea of a quiet afternoon off has been banished forever. For starters, she's a full-time teacher at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS), in charge of their brand-new and exciting Hospitality and Tourism Program. In addition, she's a well-known musician, piano teacher, and performer who works out of her own Studio. And in her spare time she conducts not one, not two, not three, but a total of six choirs in Haliburton



and the Kawartha Lakes. And she brings to each task intensity and passion that is irresistible.

Melissa came to Haliburton in 1978 as a high school teacher with a degree in Science and Mathematics, along with her ARTC in music. Over the years she's taught the Food and Nutrition courses to a couple of generations of students but this year the program has undergone a really exciting transformation. The Hospitality and Tourism Program boasts a new facility with five working kitchens and even a private dining room. "It's really a no-brainer that we should be teaching hospitality and tourism to our teenagers in this commu-

nity," says Melissa. "And for our very first year, the program has six sections of students, with 140 in total enrolled. Next year we're going to see upwards of 175 students enrol. They really got this facility right: it's a great pleasure to teach here and to learn here."

The students will be participating in many community events, preparing dinners, and even hosting some groups in the private dining room. Graduates will also receive an extra certificate from the Canadian Academy of Travel and Tourism. Guests Chefs from Haliburton's resorts and restaurants will be involved, and of course the students will be taking advantage of the many co-op programs available. "The idea of providing professional dining room and kitchen training to Haliburton's young people is great news both for the students and for the local industry," says Melissa, "and the response from the community has been just great."

Melissa is also, of course, a professional musician and has been at the centre of the County's musical life for over 20 years. She conducts a College Community Choir in Lindsay, the choirs of Haliburton United Church and the Zion United Church in Carnarvon, the Highlands Male Chorus, the Haliburton Messiah Choir, and last, but not least, the HHSS Choir. The complexities and variety of the music her choirs produce is astonishing for the size of a community like Haliburton. As an example, this Good Friday, April 14th,

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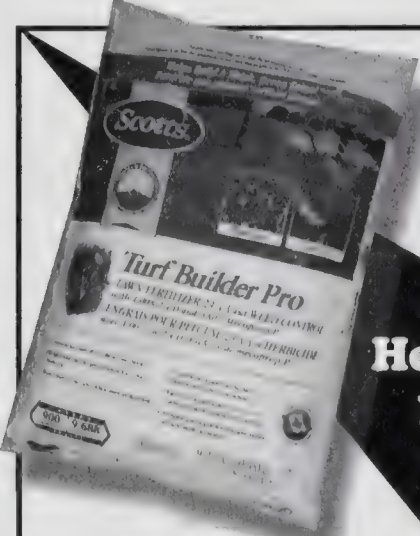
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A Couple Great Concerts Coming Up In April.... ...from pg. 30

Melissa conducts the combined choirs of the Haliburton and Zion United Churches in a performance of an Easter Cantata by the American Conductor and Composer Bob Krogstad entitled "Who Will Call Him King of Kings." Krogstad is a classical composer with a populist touch, working with major orchestras as well as being musical director for such diverse talents as Mel Torme and Natalie Cole.

But Melissa's choirs have regularly performed a great variety of works from all kinds of musical disciplines. This year the Haliburton Messiah Choir is presenting "Everything Gospel" featuring a wonderful array of jazz, traditional, African, and Gospel spirituals that simply takes the breath away. There'll be everything from a rousing



pictured in all pics is the Messiah Choir practice

rendition of When The Saints Go Marching In to African Chants to a 1943 Tommy Dorsey creation called "If Ever We Needed The Lord Before." "The Messiah Choir has 70 members, which is truly remarkable for a community the size of ours," says Melissa. "And the talent and commitment allows me to try so many new things. For this concert we range from African drums to a slow and jazzy unaccompanied version of Swing Low Sweet Chariot to spirituals with up to eight different parts. And I can tell you, it'll be one hot evening and one hot ticket."

Meanwhile, the Highlands Male Chorus, founded by Ron Clark and Bob Win, is in its fourth successful season. It's currently rehearsing for its next performance at the Haliburton Lions Club convention to be held at the Pinestone in early May. And in the fall, Melissa hopes to hold a major concert, joining the Male Chorus with a visiting German Police Choir. In November, the Choir is booked to perform with the CBC in its annual Charles Dickens concerts.

Melissa loves her work and loves her music and it's such an inspiration to see someone take his or her art so seriously. Her rehearsals are famous for their non-stop, no-nonsense pace and the singers respond with enthusiasm and great concentration.

Haliburton & Zion Choir Perform on Good Friday in Carnarvon Messiah Choir's "Everything Gospel" April 29 & 30th

The Haliburton and Zion Choirs' performance of the Easter Cantata takes place this Good Friday at 9 am at Zion United in Carnarvon, and at 11:15 am at the Haliburton United Church.



The Messiah Choir's "Everything Gospel" will be performed on April 29th at 7:30 pm and on April 30th at 3:00 pm at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion at the HHSS. Tickets are just \$15 and are available at the Pharmasave in Minden and at Kitchens Etcetera in Haliburton.

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The workshop will be held at The Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Thursday, April 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. It will be led by Pauline Johnson and is sponsored by The Writer in Residence Program. Please call Pauline at 705-489-3878 so we will have an idea of how many are attending.

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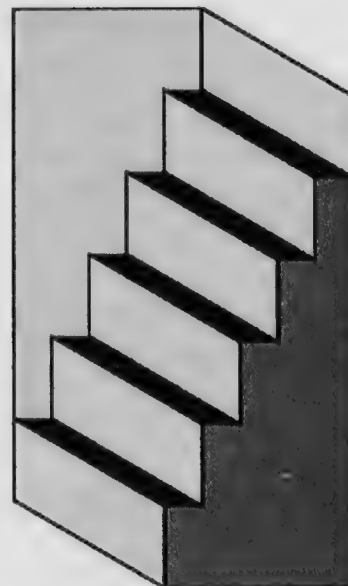
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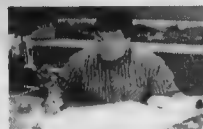
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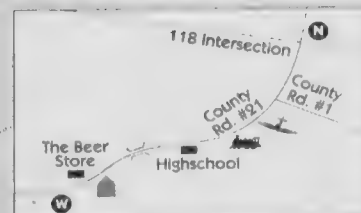
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It certainly didn't hurt that Sue's family had long roots in the area, having cottaged on nearby Boshkung since 1936. Sue and Ed, who'd taken an early retirement from Ford, were married in



Sue & Ed

Haliburton in 1998 and became permanent residents shortly thereafter. Sue says that "I've always loved the restaurant business: my first job, at 16, was right here when That Place was called Mr. Fogs." Ed jokes, "I knew the business well – from the customer's side of the bar – but I'd also always been keen to manage and run a business."

Sue's a graduate of Hotel and Food Administration from the University of Guelph and she had pretty clear ideas of what it would take to make That Place

a success. From the beginning, "the name itself really helped – it really did bring people in. And we had simply huge support right from the beginning

from the community, from cottagers and permanent residents alike. I think the fact that we weren't newcomers also was a real plus." Besides her own Haliburton connections, Sue's brother Jeff was also a restaurant pro, as the founder of NJ's in the 1980s, just down the road. And Sue and Ed also had a clear vision of what That Place in Carnarvon would be: "we wanted to create a first rate roadhouse-type restaurant with excellent homemade food at reasonable prices. We wanted to have a family place that had something for everyone, from pastas to steaks. We wanted to deliver quality and respect for our customers."

That Place cont'd... pg. 36...



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The Yallop's first major hire was Chef Kris McAlister: "I knew of him and contacted him as soon as we'd closed the deal," says Sue, "and it turned out that we were just what he needed, and vice versa. And we're proud that he's been with us ever since, through thick and thin."

That Place's menu sure does have something for everyone, from starters like traditional French Onion Soup, Crab Cakes, Bacon Wrapped Scallops, and a great Salad Bar. Lunch items include Perogies, Chili and Toast, various Quesadillas as well as Steak Sandwiches, Burgers, and a special Chicken Caesar Wrap. But the kitchen is best known for its mouth-watering BBQ Baby Ribs with Kris' unique homemade sauce, as well as the Chicken Wings, in mild, medium, hot, Cajun, or honey garlic sauces, priced at just \$8.99 per pound. And pastas include a great Creole Shrimp Penne and a creamy Seafood Lasagne.

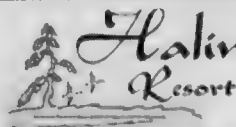
And starting this month the Yallops have decided to branch out in another direction, with the opening of That Place Pizza-to-Go. "We knew we had the space to accommodate pizza ovens, for one thing, and for another there really wasn't a pizza alternative in the area. So we decided to offer take out pizzas from 12 inch to 16 inch 10 slice sizes with a full range of toppings."

The pizzas feature a quite thin and zesty crust and a fresh, light cheese and tomato sauce base: in other words you can actually taste all your toppings, which is a plus, but if you really insist you can order double cheese. "We're also going to offer personal 9 inch and kiddie size pizzas on our regular menu as well for our in-house guests."

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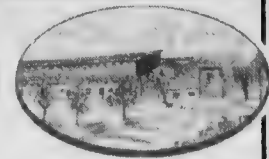
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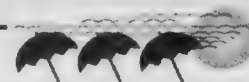
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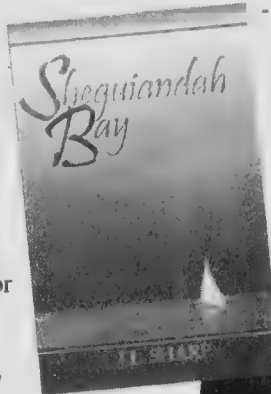
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Lessons I Learned from My Mother Earth Writing Contest is also being held with 2 categories : prose - length - 250 words and poetry.

You can send your submissions to Gaia Centre's Earth Day Writers' Celebration Writer submit entry in triplicate and be prepared to read your entry. Prizes will be awarded. Send submissions to Gaia Centre, 1032 Cameron Lane, RR1 Haliburton, On. K0M1S0. You may also bring them to the event on the 22nd. Winners will also be published on Gaia Centre Website. Please Pre-register.

About J.L. Sharp

Growing up in the small town of Fenelon Falls, J.L. Sharp began to create stories and characters as soon as she could form letters with a pencil. For Ms. Sharp, writing is a catharsis and a joy.

Now, living on a small lake in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands with her husband and two young children,



THANK YOU!!

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the local community for all your support in my new business venture. Above all I wish to thank my parents, Dean & Sharon Smith for all their undying support. (Thanks Mom & Dad!) Also thanks to my sister Cheryl and my brother in law Dawson Haywood & my niece Holly. You have all made this possible and your support has meant so much to me. Thank you all!

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New Old Country House - All That's Old is New Again!

Sylvia Miller, the brand new owner of the Old Country House, is passionate, intense, and totally involved in her new enterprise. "When I heard last December that this place was on the market I just jumped on it as fast as I could. And I can't wait to get started."

But the first thing Sylvia did was to work as closely as possible with the restaurant's founder Ute Carl and her sons Christophe and Marcus to see just how the Old Country House worked, and why it's worked so well for the last 25 years. And she's eternally grateful to the Carl family for welcoming her so warmly and giving her so much essential on-the-job encouragement and information.

Sylvia soon found out that, as with most successful businesses, the Old Country House's staff was a key ingredient in the mix. So she quickly persuaded Sous Chef David Adams, who'd worked closely with Chris Carl for the past three years, to stay on as Head Chef. "The whole kitchen staff here has always worked really closely together - it's been a collaborative kitchen, which has been great," says David, "and I plan to keep it that way. The kitchen is small by commercial standards, and when you're putting out up to 80 lunches and sometimes 115 dinners per day, you'd better have a kitchen that gets along!"

Sylvia has also kept the existing dining room and kitchen staff. The Old Country House has always been a restaurant with a very specific, personal kind of service which isn't easy to duplicate, so staff continuity is key. Sylvia's delighted that the staff has been so open and welcoming, particularly to some

of the changes she's planning.

But most important is what isn't being changed. "We're certainly going to keep the same menu and the same food and service direction that's been so successful here over the years," says Sylvia. "We're also planning to add a "Tapas" menu for the mid to late evening time period for customers who want a light late supper."

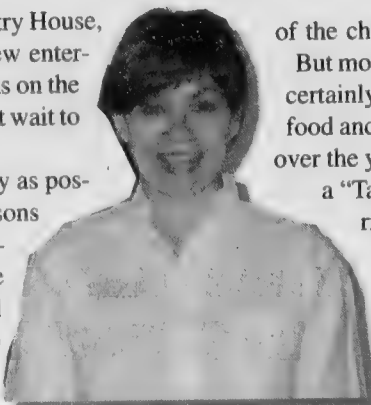
Tapas is a Spanish food tradition of light meals designed to get you through the afternoon or evening, until the next heavier meal (or longer sleep!). It features ingredients native to Spain, but now available throughout North America. "Our Tapas menu is going to be just plain exciting," says Chef David. "We'll feature dishes

such as a Grilled Vegetable Terrine with Goat and Monchego Cheese and a Herb Crustini with an Olive Tapenade and seasonal Greens, for example."

Other Tapas dishes such as Pan Seared Calamari with Lemon, Roast Garlic, Olive Oil, and Basil Pesto, or Steamed Mussels in a Light Saffron Broth garnished with Chorizo Sausage and Feta Cheese might seem slightly more that a light snack, but hey, Mediterranean cuisine is rated among the healthiest

in the world (particularly when accompanied by a glass of wine).

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Sylvia (above) and Chef David Adams (below)



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Sylvia is also considering providing a full Sunday Brunch with traditional Eggs Benedict and Eggs Florentine, and she hopes to expand the existing catering business as well. "We want to do more picnic baskets, for example, where clients pick up a full luncheon meal, in a basket, complete with all the cutlery and accoutrements that you might need. And when you're done, you just return the basket and we do all the clean up."



Sylvia Miller is a single mom with two children, Alexandra (8) and Samantha (5) who's lived in Haliburton for the past decade. She once owned the Tory Hill General Store, and is an experienced property and rental manager. She's not intimidated by her lack of restaurant knowledge, and she's no stranger to hard work. "I know there's a learning curve, but I'm up for it. We plan to offer our Tapas menu as soon as we can on Thursdays to Saturdays from 9 until 11. And we're going to get our Sunday Brunch going this Easter Sunday, April 16th."

But again, Sylvia points out that the regular lunch and dinner menus will remain essentially the same for at least this spring and summer. "In fact, we may bring back some of the old favourites such as the Bison Burger: and we're determined to use as many organic ingredients as possible."



The Old Country House is located on Haliburton's Main Street and is open from 11:30 am till 2:30 pm, and from 5 pm until 8 pm Wednesdays to Sundays, closed Monday and Tuesday. After May the 24th it's open seven days a week. For reservations, and to check out when the Tapas menu starts, phone 705 457-2301.



Brittany Emasuen celebrates her sixth birthday at the Old Country House with the help of Michou the Clown.

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The hotel itself was burned to the ground in the 1960s but people still say that they see the two prisoners on the grounds at dusk.

Spring Luncheon

Bring your appetites and be prepared for a fantastic lunch complete with a bake sale at the upcoming Haliburton United Church Spring Luncheon. 50% of the proceeds go to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary.

The Luncheon goes from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and is being held at the Haliburton United church on Wednesday, April 26.

Your lunch includes soup and a sandwich, dessert and a beverage - all for only \$6 per person.

Lunch With Barry Grills, Former Chair of The Writers' Union of Canada

(This event was cancelled in March due to a freezing rain)

Thursday, May 11 from 12:00 noon to 3 p.m.

You are invited to join in for lunch at Mark's Restaurant in Minden to meet Barry Grills. Barry will share his insights, views and stories about the world of writing. He will also entertain everyone, reading from some of his works. Bring your questions along. A charismatic figure, Barry gets people thinking, laughing and inspired to go home and write.

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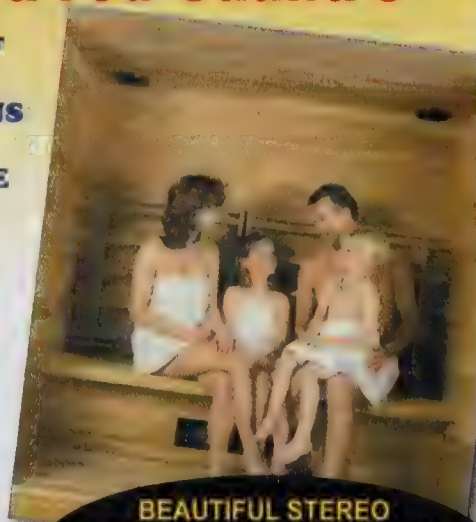
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Haliburton Legion News

By Chris Briggs

The Legion public speaking contest continued on to the next level of competition. Branch 129 sent three competitors to Tweed on April 1st. Rebecca Kidd participated in the grades one to three division. Rebecca

attends Stuart Baker Elementary School. Jessica Bishop competes in the grades four to six division. she attends J. D. Hodgson Elementary School. Last but not least is David Wright in the grades ten to eleven category. David attends Haliburton High School. Also an honourable mention goes to Riley Maracle in the grades seven to nine division. Riley attends J.D. Hodgson School. We congratulate these fine young people for their success in the Zone competition and we wish them all the best in the next level which is District. Thank you goes out to everyone who participated in the public speaking competition starting from the Branch level right up to the District level and hopefully beyond. Thank you also goes out to the parents, teachers and general public that help support this challenging competition. A big thank you goes to Brian Hambly for his hard work and organization.

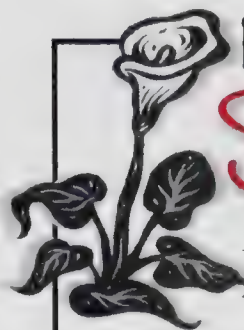
I would like to say congratulations to the curling team that represented Branch 129 when they went to Port Perry to play in the District and Provincial competitions for the Branch. They were Terry Roche(skip), Tom Harkness(vice), Larry Holden(second), Case Bassie(lead), and John Smillie(alt.). With the first place win at District level this sent them to Provincial competition. Which is the first time that a sports team has been able to achieve that level in recent memory. In the Provincial event these gentlemen represented Branch 129 admirably and brought back a bronze finish after four days of tough competition. Way to go gentlemen we are proud of you. Thank you for representing Branch 129 so very well.

In the District darts competition Jack Briggs took to task the rough road of competition in Havelock and put forth his best effort. Unfortunately that is where the road would end. With some hard fought games Jack was defeated and unable to advance to Provincial level. Hopefully next year will bring home the elusive Provincial event.

ATV Experts – Join In April Spring Expert Ride

A good medley of trails in the north west quadrant of Haliburton will be explored by avid ATV riders and members of the Haliburton ATV Association. Brisk pace and plenty of challenge will await all who participate. The ride is scheduled for Sat. April 22nd - RSVP to mcoles@halhinet.on.ca if you would like to participate.

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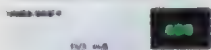
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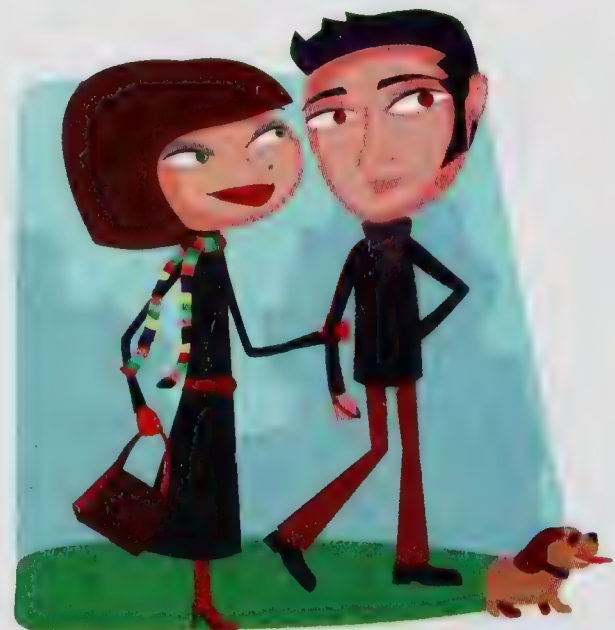
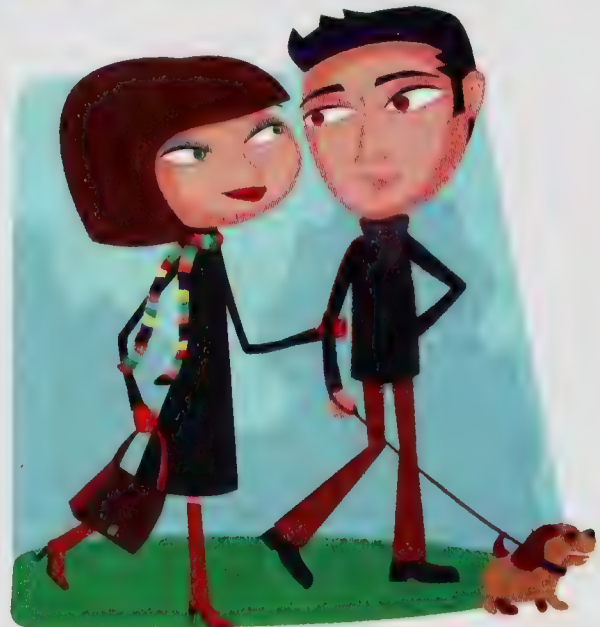
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Business owners – if you want to meet with hundreds of potential customers all in one location, then be sure to grab a booth at the upcoming 28th Haliburton Home and Vacation Show.

This year the show takes place on June 2nd – the 4th and it offers great exposure to many show goers.

The show uses the floor space in the Haliburton arena and Curling Club and also features outside exhibits and a large food and entertainment tent. The show is sponsored by the Haliburton Curling Club.

Don't miss your chance at getting a booth – just one new customer makes the weekend worth while – imagine getting tons of new customers.... It's only possible if you get a booth!!

Booths start at only \$85 for a 5' x 5' and they go as large as 16' x 10' at \$250. Hydro is an additional \$15. A 1-4' x 10' booth in the curling club is \$170 for example. GST is extra.

For more information contact Wayne Hussey at 457-2892 or (905) 723-5342 or (cell) 457-0030.

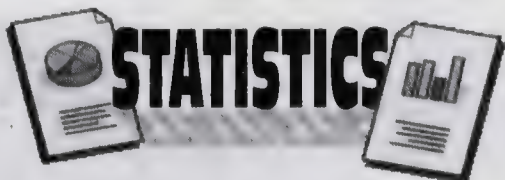
This years show dates and times. June 2nd 4pm – 9pm, June 3rd 10am – 7pm; and
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Trundling Along the White Trail

with Marci Mandel

The Great Conspiracy

I emailed a copy of the column I wrote on The Senses to Dr. Glenn Morris, my Chi Kung teacher, and he thought it was my best yet. I replied saying, wait for the next one; it was going to be about the metaphor I noticed while working in the sugar shack. Except he didn't wait; he died in his sleep April 1. At first I thought it was a bad joke, but when the shock wore off, I realized he had one more lesson to teach me.

Here's what I never got to send:

True Sweetness

As I hauled buckets of sap around our sugar bush, the line from the movie *The Power of One* came to mind again: "All the answers are in nature, if you know where to

look...and how to ask." Walking around emptying the 200 pails, I couldn't help but think there was an answer for me here. Trees being tapped, sweetness flowing, fire blazing in the belly of the

evaporator: these were the elements of great myths. I just didn't know what the question was.

A few days later, while feeding the fire, I gazed out the window and watched the sap drip from a tree up the hill. All my senses were awakened and the answer began to flow.

We're like trees, it seemed. We all have sap flowing, but not everyone gets tapped into. Those who do must leave the comfort and safety of their home only to be put through a huge, life-changing ordeal.



Here's how sap is processed at our sugar bush: first, it's collected in pails; then it's gathered and tossed into a huge vat; then it's funnelled into the evaporator where it starts getting hot; then it gets really, really hot; then it's poured through a filter; then just when it thinks its trial is over, it's put into a finishing pan to be purified even more. Finally it's filtered one more time, bottled, and voila, the transformation is complete.

As it turns out, the story of sap becoming syrup is one of nature's examples of the myth called *The Hero's Journey*. Dorothy, in *The Wizard of Oz*, and Luke Skywalker, in *Star Wars*, go through the exact same process. They are thrust out of their homes, sent on a journey, struggle through numerous ordeals, have one last test, and then become aware of who they truly are. Taking a step back, I realized this is exactly what we all must do if we want to become our true, sweet selves.

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"If you don't go out into the forest, nothing will happen and your life will never begin." I understood this concept, but there was still something missing.

The next day, back at the sugar bush, I asked for clarification and heard: "In order to be purified, one must pass through the heat." And then I understood that no transformation happens on the couch. Insights may occur, but transformation (like wisdom) only comes from bringing together knowledge with action. If action is limited, or the fire within is only smouldering, the journey will be long. But if the fire is roaring, progress will be rapid and the sweetness will come quicker.

I wish the story ended there, but apparently it does not. You see, beside the evaporator is a bucket of sap. We use it to slow down the processing if we have to go out for another pick-up. And as I was getting ready to do just that, dilute the boil, I realized I diluted myself too – I watered down my own power, and my own flavour, with feelings of inadequacy. How sad that I afflict myself in this way. But with awareness comes power, and if I want to experience my true nature in its purest form, I must stop. For the sweetness I am seeking in life won't come from chocolates or cake or ice cream. It will come from boiling off all the debilitating thoughts, people and actions that water me down.

So it turns out the question I was seeking was: Why am I still not who I want to be? And the answer is: Turn up the fire and stop diluting yourself.

I was telling a student that Glenn's life's work was about gathering information on religion and the martial arts, bringing it all together, and then boiling it down to its sweetest form – the course he set up and taught. And as I thought about that and the maple syrup process, I realized his last lesson: *Struggle and emerge. We're all conspiring to show you the way.*

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Women to Women – You're Invited...

Come and celebrate the arrival of spring and longer days with some good food, conversation and inspiration. Women, of all interests and backgrounds, are invited to come to the Old Country House, in downtown Haliburton, on Tuesday April 18 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. They are gathering to socialize and have some fun as well as to network and educate each other about what they do. "The more we know about each other, the more we can help promote and support each other," says organizer Lynda Shadbolt.

The idea is to keep the gathering simple, fun and informative and this first one will look like this:

6:00 – 6:30 - Arrival and chit chat, mingling (coffee, tea, wine, juice, water) - 6:30 – 7:30 - Dinner; 7:30 (ish) - Welcome from Lynda Shadbolt and a discussion about what women need in terms of networking, inspiration, support etc. We'll talk about how this gathering could work (timing, location opportunities, possibility of switching lunch and dinner meetings each month etc.) Come with your ideas and suggestions! If you can't get away earlier in the evening, you are welcome to drop in for a glass of wine and join in the discussion.

The cost for the evening depends on what you choose to order off the menu and from the bar. You can keep it light or indulge yourself! The new owner of The Old Country House, Sylvia Miller, is launching a new "Tappas" menu on April 21. We may get a chance to get a sneak preview and even try some items.

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initiative for the second year to raise funds for SIRCH Community Hospice.

For 10 years, SIRCH Community Services & Consulting has provided hospice services in Haliburton County to individuals and their families who are living with a life-threatening illness. Government funding has not kept pace with demand for this service; there is and will continue to be a need for financial support from our community.

You can participate and support hospice by collecting pledges, and then hiking the Head Lake Trail (about 6 km) or the Sculpture Forest Trail (about 1 km). It's a great opportunity to build workplace spirit by getting active together! Gather a group of friends, colleagues, family members and sign up as a team of up to 10! There will be a trophy for the team that collects the most dollars in pledges, so get into the team spirit! 100% of funds raised will stay in this community to support hospice.

To participate, just copy and distribute a pledge form, and start collecting pledges to hike! Hike registration starts at 12:30 pm on May 7 at Sir Sandford Fleming College in the Great Hall. The hike starts at 1:30 pm. There will be other fun activities too, including silent auction, draws, entertainment and refreshments.

Everybody wins when you Hike for Hospice...hike for your health and for your community! For more information, please contact Marilyn Rydberg, Hike Coordinator at 457-1742. Come hike with us!

Well Baby Drop-in Clinic & Prenatal Classes

April 13: Minden Well Baby Drop-in Clinic.

Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Minden (inside Sears Building) from 10 am to noon. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

April 20: Haliburton Well Baby Drop-in Clinic.

Visit with a Family Health Nurse to see how your baby is growing and developing. Held at the Ontario Early Years Centre in Haliburton (Halco Plaza) from 11 am to 1 pm. For more information, call the Health Unit at 457-1391.

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This event is sponsored by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Local Health Integration Networks, this event will highlight progress, achievements, partnerships and innovations underway in organization and there will be submissions from all across Ontario.

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Renowned theologian, author and educator, Matthew Fox, talks about the necessary components for the reinvention of work, education and worship for the sake of the planet during an upcoming workshop on May 15, 9:30- 4:30. The workshop includes lunch, arts as meditations programs in the afternoon led by diverse and accomplished artists, and closes with conversation with Matthew Fox. The fee is \$100 and pre-registration is necessary. Call 754 2427 or register on the web at www.gaiacentre.org. The Gaia Centre is a not-for-profit, educational and retreat facility. All programs, speakers and events promote sustainability through a new spirituality of work. They are committed to raising consciousness regarding the connection between the work we do for a living and the living planet. The workshop will be taking place at the West Guilford Community Centre.

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May and June tend to be a time of year when school becomes increasingly challenging with longer days, more sunshine, hotter temperatures and lots more energy. This might just be a perfect opportunity to spend some time together doing an activity that both you and your child can share, and enjoy, and benefit from. This class will be held at the school on Wednesday nights at 4:00. If you are interested in attending this class or any of the other classes that Gail offers please contact her at 455-9294



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Bob will be in Haliburton on Monday, May 1, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Sir Sanford Fleming College in the Great Hall.

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"As the Director of the not-for-profit organization, Gaia Centre for Eco-Spirituality and Sustainability, I'm always seeking speakers who can communicate our purpose: sustainability through a new spirituality of work. We're grateful that Bob, who makes the connections between economic growth, personal satisfaction and environmental consciousness has agreed to be our Spring Speaker. We know he will be of great interest to all those who work to protect and prosper from the natural beauty of Haliburton County." - Carol Kilby, Executive Director, Gaia Centre.



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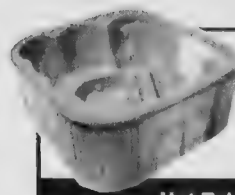


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*This issue we give you the answers to last issue's Who
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the answer to last issue's in - so for all you people who
have been wondering "who dun it"... here goes...*

Last issue's answer:

Answer: Minden knew that Dan was a football referee, and that the position he had his hands in was indicating a "holding" charge, indicating Holding was the killer. As he lay dying on the floor he must have put his hands in that position as a clue to detectives.

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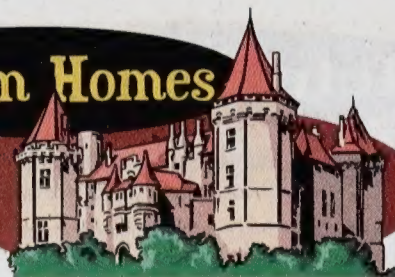
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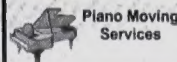
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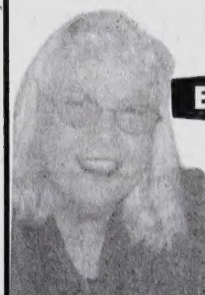
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School News:

by Christine Carr

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Model UN recently went to Toronto to spend a couple of days debating current issues as everyone represented different countries. The school was represented well, with different honours being bestowed. Congratulations to everyone who went!

The tenth annual music festival was held last week at the High School. Many different people of all ages performed and it was, as usual, a success. The High School music students had a busy few days as they went to different performances, and both the school and the community were greatly involved in the festival.

The Art students were not left out as they had their own festival of sorts! The "Disastrously Creative" art show was held at the Rails End Gallery March 31 to April 11. The members of the Grade 12 Portfolio art class all had their own unique art to display,

Spirit Week A Blast!!

and there were many talented pieces on display.

The Student Council has been busy, with a Spirit Week this past week. Monday was Jersey Day, with a surprise activity at lunch, Tuesday was Boys' Lei Day, where all of the boys got Lei's, Wednesday was Girls' Lei Day, and Thursday is Beach Wear Day, with the lunchtime activity as Slip-n-Slide. Thursday night there is also a Beach Party Dance, and it is sure to be tons of fun! Of course, the week is ended on a happy note as Friday is Good Friday, and there is no school.

In sports, Rugby and Track and field have been busy practicing along with others, and badminton has begun their competition season. Every Thursday into the near future they will be attending and hosting competitions, so good luck everyone!

As second semester is almost half over, tons of stuff is happening, and students are kept busy. Good luck everyone with school and sports, and more next time.



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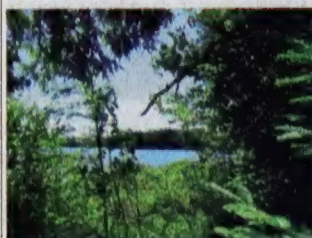
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Drag Lake Pond - Secluded & totally private wildlife haven. 19 acres total on Township Road with 14 acre pond situated on property. Ready to build with ideal building location overlooking pond. Small cabin onsite, driveway in, hydro at lot line (currently disconnected). Close to Haliburton village.

\$119,900.00



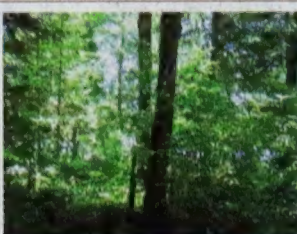
Private Lake 129 Acres - Mature forest pine and hardwoods. 5 bedroom & loft cottage on Torch Lake. Massive stone fireplace in living room and backing dining room. Wood floors and interior with cathedral ceilings. Large deck. Multi use property.

\$990,000.00



Paddy's Bay - Nicely treed building lot on the shores of Paddy's Bay. Save dollars, easy access and easy to build on. Paddy's Bay has a sand bottom for good swimming. Connects to Kennisis Lake for a 2 lake chain of boating.

\$179,000.00



Business opportunity on Hwy.35 Carnarvon. Live next door to your own business. 2 BR home, new carpet, plumbing, windows & roof. Nice lawn area. Commercial bldg - 3000 sq. ft., new oil furnace, loading dock into storage area. Hardwood floors, separate office space, large bsmt. for storage. Lg. paved yard. Zoning is C1, HC & residential. Business relocating.

\$379,000.00



8 acres - 1350 ft shoreline - Little Redstone - Absolute privacy on this estate size property. 1800 sq. ft. of living space, lg open concept LR/DR/Kitchen, family room, 3 bdrms, 2 baths, laundry rm & loads of storage, finished with pine, cedar & drywall. Large entertaining deck overlooking a level lot. Save hydro \$\$ with ground source heat pump & air conditioning. Lrg insulated garage/workshop.

\$695,000.00



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